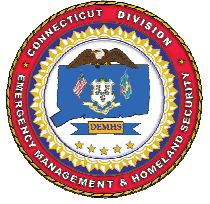




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Posted at 1:50 PM on 5/16/14...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

At 1:30 PM radar showed showers across the state with a band of heavier showers and a few thunderstorms currently located over Eastern New York stretching south over New Jersey and Eastern PA. The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued flood watches for all of the state beginning this afternoon and continuing thru Saturday morning. For this afternoon towns can expect showers to move quickly from South to North across the state which may be briefly heavy at times. Total rainfall this afternoon is expected to be less than half an inch on average. As the cold front which is currently located in Eastern PA approaches our area by late this evening a band of showers and some thunderstorms is expected to move into Western CT by 10:00 PM and then move very slowly from West to East across the state overnight. The period of heaviest rain is expected to occur between 11:00 PM this evening and 4:00 AM Saturday morning. Total rainfall overnight is forecast to range from 1 – 2 inches with isolated amounts up to 3 inches if thunderstorms move over the same towns repeatedly.

This heavy rainfall may cause some urban and very small stream flooding. Most of the states rivers are currently well below flood stage and flooding along those rivers is not expected at this time. The one exception is the Housatonic river which is still fairly high and may rise into the minor flooding category by Saturday morning if more than 2 inches of rain occurs in western CT. With most of the heavy rain occurring overnight towns are advised to monitor their urban areas for any ponding of water or isolated significant urban flooding.

At this time there are no other significant threats expected from strong winds, coastal flooding or severe weather with this event.

The overall impact of this event is expected to be minor in most towns, however a few towns may see a more significant urban flooding impact depending the track of any thunderstorms that may develop.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will send out additional updates if any flood warnings are issued by the NWS.

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